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Applicant: Linenberger Examiner: Flores Sanchez, Omar
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the enclosed Form 1449 and the information referenced therein to the attention of the Examiner.

The information contained on the attached Form 1449 includes a number of references that have come to the attention of applicant since the filing of this application. For completeness of the record, applicant respectfully submits that the attached information be considered in connection with the examination of this application.

All of the sources of information cited on the attached Form 1449 are U.S. Patents. Accordingly, copies of these references have not been provided.

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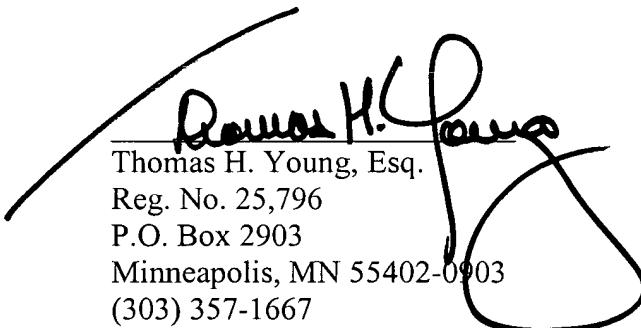
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee (small entity) believed appropriate for this submission. If this amount has been calculated in error, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 40203.2-US-U1.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of February 2004.

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